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FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

COMPUTERIZED PLANNING FOR SWINE FARMS

ENTERPRISE SELECTION

SIZE AND GROWTH

BUILDING TYPE

SCHEDULING

INPUT FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

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Introduction

This swine farm computer model was developed to assist farmers in making and evaluating long range plans concerning the organization and growth of their swine enterprise. Corn and soybean production is an integral part of the model. Cropping decisions are kept to a minimum, however, since the primary emphasis is the swine enterprise. The model is designed to help answer four basic problems that every swine farmer is faced with:

1. How many hogs should I produce?
2. What type of buildings and other production methods should I use?
3. What farrowing or feeding schedule should I follow?
4. What should I produce--Finished hogs or feeder pigs?

You can use the model as an aid in finding answers to more specific questions. Some such questions are:

1. Should I expand my swine or crop enterprise?
2. How many sows should I farrow?
3. What type of swine housing should I build?
4. Can I finance this change in my swine enterprise?
5. How many times should I farrow each year?
6. How much additional labor will I need if I expand the swine enterprise?

You can also use the model to help answer the "what if--" type questions that every producer asks himself. Some such questions are:

2.

What if --

1. I add fifty sows.
2. I rent or purchase an additional 160 acres?
3. I build a new farrowing house?
4. I farrow eight times per year rather than six?
5. I farrow instead of purchasing feeder pigs?

The model is designed so that you can compare the continuation of your present plan with as many as two alternative plans for the next five years. You are asked to describe your present operation first, this information will be recorded on the white sheets in this packet. These data are used by the computer to project a five-year plan with no growth in your business. Secondly, you are asked to describe in detail your first alternative (you will use the green sheets for this). For the alternative plan, you must specify the following:

1. What you will produce
2. Your farrowing or purchasing schedule
3. The type of buildings you will construct
4. Growth of swine enterprise

Thirdly, you are asked to decide upon your second alternative, if you want one and to record your data on the yellow sheets. You have two options in using the second alternative. You may use it in the same way as the first where you specified everything including when and at what rate your swine enterprise grew. If you so desire, you may use the second alternative to allow the computer to choose a "Good Plan" for your farm.

In this case, the computer will decide the following for you:

1. What to produce
 - a. feeder pigs
 - b. farrow-finish hogs
 - c. purchased feeder pigs
2. When to farrow or purchase feeders.
3. What type of buildings to construct.
4. The size and rate of growth of your swine enterprise.

When you use this option, the size and rate of growth of the swine enterprise are determined by the availability of resources. Given your resources and restrictions on labor, capital, and growth, the computer will choose a plan which will give a high net worth at the end of five years.

The objective of the model, conditions to be specified, decisions to be made, and information provided by the computer are summarized in Figure 1 on the next page.

Steps For Using This Model

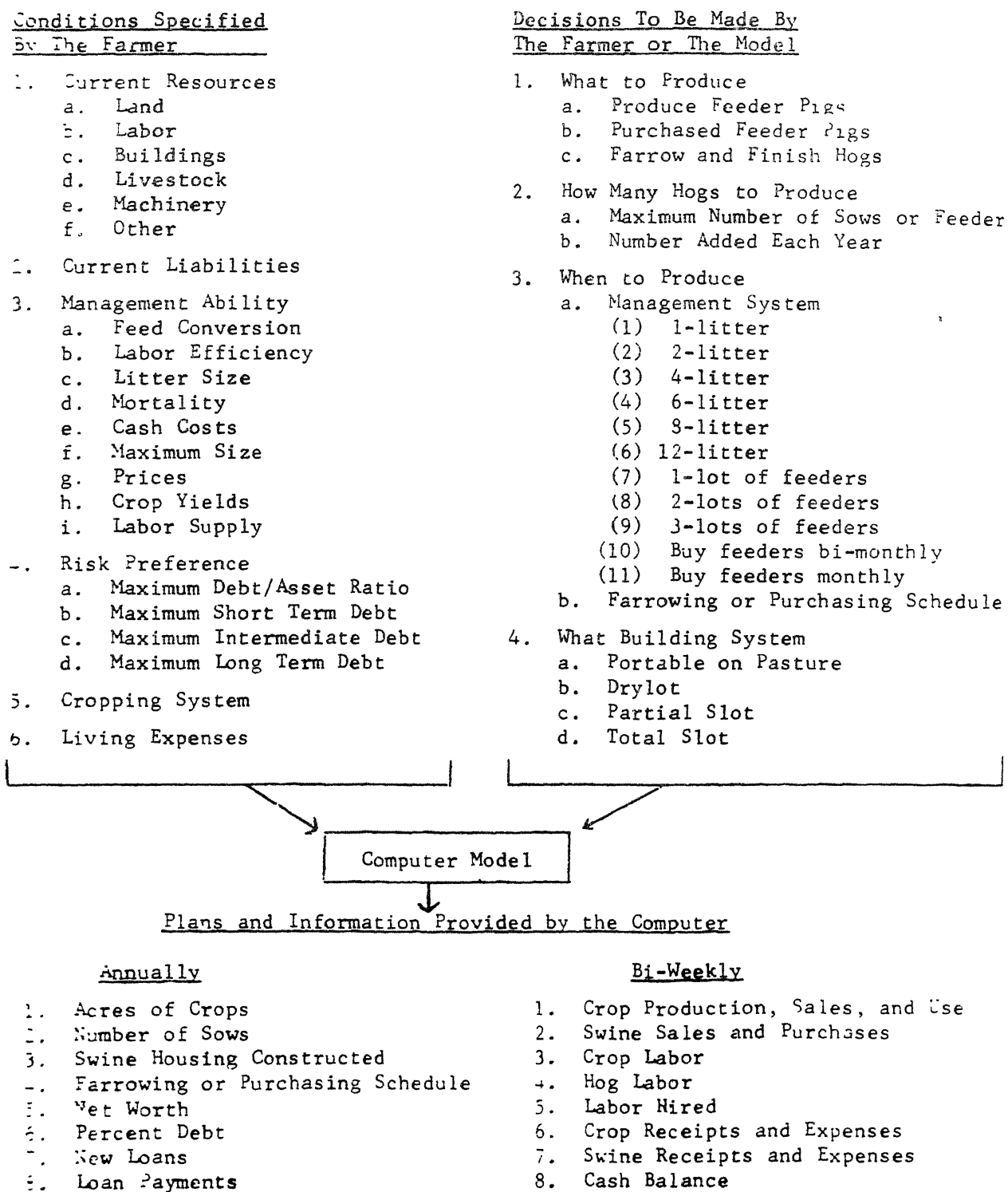
1. Decide what you want the model to do.
2. Decide what computer printout you want.
3. Describe your present operation.
4. Make any changes you want for Alternative 1 (green pages).
5. Make any changes you want for Alternative 2 (yellow pages).

In most instances, "base figures" are provided as guides. If estimates for your farm are the same as these figures, you should leave that space for your plan blank. Write in only those numbers that you want to change.

4.

Figure 1.

Model Purpose -- To aid farmers in making, comparing, and evaluating long range plans for their swine enterprise.



5.

Problem Identification

Write a brief statement of the problem you are trying to solve.

EXAMPLE: My son is graduating and wants to stay home and farm.

Can our swine enterprise be expanded to support another family?

What do you want the computer to do?

Put an X beside the option you want. (Select only 1 option.)

Number	Cost	Option	Your Selection
		Description	
1	\$10	Budget my current operation and one alternative	
2	\$20	Budget my current operation and two alternatives	
3	\$30	Budget my current operation and one alternative and find a "Good Plan" for my farm.	

How much computer printout do you want?

Put an X beside the option you want. (Select only 1 option.)

Number	Pages	Option	Your Selection
		Description	
1	5	Only the comparison of plans	
2	32	Comparison of plans and annual detail for Alternative 1.	
3	59	Comparison of plans and annual detail for Alternatives 1 and 2.	

6.

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE

The following blanks are used to control the manner in which the computer program will process the information for your farm.

These are the first cards to be punched for each plan.

<u>Cards For Present Plan</u>			<u>Cards For Alternative 1</u>		<u>Cards For Alternative 2</u>	
1	2	3	1	2	1	2
___(1)	___(1)	___(1)	___(1)	___(1)	___(1)	___(1)
___(2)	___(2)	___(2)	___(2)	___(2)	___(2)	___(2)
	___(3)	___(3)	___(3)	___(3)	___(3)	___(3)
	___(4)	___(4)	___(4)	___(4)	___(4)	___(4)
	___(5)	___(5)	___(5)	___(5)	___(5)	___(5)
	___(6)	___(6)	___(6)	___(6)	___(6)	___(6)
	___(7)	___(7)	___(7)	___(7)	___(7)	___(7)
	___(8)	___(8)	___(8)	___(8)	___(8)	___(8)
	___(9)	___(9)	___(9)	___(9)	___(9)	___(9)
	___(10)	___(10)	___(10)	___(10)	___(10)	___(10)

Swine Production Decisions

This is the most important part of the input form. An attempt has been made to make the computer model flexible enough to allow you to specify in considerable detail the situations you wish to examine. You will have the opportunity to indicate your current production system. You will have the opportunity to change many of the coefficients which are currently in the model. You may choose which of the systems you wish to consider and you will have the option of limiting the rate of growth if you so desire.

Most of the data (base figures) currently in the model are based on Purdue swine research. Much of the data was developed in projects undertaken jointly by the Departments of Agricultural Engineering, Animal Sciences, Agricultural Economics and Veterinary Science. The results of many of these research projects are reported in a number of research bulletins, theses, and research progress reports. Much of this data is summarized in Planning Data for Hog Farms, EC-408, Purdue Agricultural Experiment Station, 1971.

8.

Information for Completing Page 9.

1/ Circle the appropriate number for each swine building on your farm. See Table 1 at bottom of this page.

Job Performed	Description of Housing	Type
Farrowing	Individual on pasture (1-litter)	1
	Centralized individual - slotted porch	2
	Solid floor with crates	3
	Slotted floor with crates	4
Sow Maintenance	Portable on pasture	2
	Open shelter - drylot	3
	Open shelter - partial slot	4
	Enclosed - total slot	5
Nursery	Portable buildings	5
	Open shelter - drylot	6
	Enclosed - total slot	7
Finishing	Portable on pasture	2
	Open shelter - drylot	3
	Open shelter - partial slot	4
	Enclosed - total slot	5

2/ Indicate when you expect a building to require replacement or remodeling. The last year of use is the year before replacement year.

Example:

Table 1. Example Table for Hog Buildings.

Building Type		Replacement Year	Capacity
<u>Farrowing Buildings</u>			
① 2 3 4	1	1976	20
1 2 ③ 4	1	1978	30
<u>Sow Maintenance Buildings</u>			
2 ③ 4 5	2	1981	50
2 3 4 5	2		
<u>Nursery Buildings</u>			
5 ⑥ 7	3	1983	450
5 6 7	3		
<u>Finishing Buildings</u>			
② 3 4 5	4	1973	300
2 3 4 ⑤	4	1979	200

3/ Indicate the capacity of buildings in the following units:

Farrowing Buildings - number of sows Nursery - number of weanlings
Sow maintenance - number of sows Finishing - number of market hogs

I. BEGINNING INVENTORY OF SWINE AND SWINE BUILDINGS.

List below the buildings you have available for hog production and the number of sows, gilts, and feeders you currently have.

A. Swine Buildings You Now Have

(See example on opposite page)

No CARD NUMBER NEEDED	Building Type ^{1/}	Replacement Year ^{2/}	Capacity ^{3/}
	<u>Farrowing</u>		
	1 2 3 4	1	
	1 2 3 4	1	
	1 2 3 4	1	
	1 2 3 4	1	
	<u>Sow Maintenance</u>		
	2 3 4 5	2	
	2 3 4 5	2	
	2 3 4 5	2	
	2 3 4 5	2	
	<u>Nursery</u>		
	5 6 7	3	
	5 6 7	3	
	5 6 7	3	
	5 6 7	3	
	<u>Finishing</u>		
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	

B. Swine Inventory

Number

No Card Number	1	27		
	3	27		
	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3	Field 4

Sows and Gilts
Pigs in Finishing
Buildings

8a.

Information for Completing Page 9a.

1/ Use this page to describe the hog buildings you will have available for Alternative 1.

Some reasons that this listing might be different from that on page 9 are:

1. You may want to investigate the possibility of changing the use of some of your current buildings. For example, you may want to know the result of changing your present finishing barn to a gestation barn. In this case, your finishing barn would be listed here as sow maintenance quarters.
2. You might want to know the result of leaving some of your present facilities idle and building newer more efficient buildings. If this is the case, you won't list here the building that you are wanting to abandon.

2/ For each building, circle the appropriate number, year it will be replaced, and indicate its capacity. Use the table below to find the appropriate number to circle.

<u>Job Performed</u>	<u>Description of Housing</u>	<u>Type</u>
Farrowing	Individual on pasture (1-litter)	1
	Centralized individual - slotted porch	2
	Solid floor with crates	3
	Slotted floor with crates	4
Sow Maintenance	Portable on pasture	2
	Open shelter - drylot	3
	Open shelter - partial slot	4
	Enclosed - total slot	5
Nursery	Portable buildings	5
	Open shelter - drylot	6
	Enclosed - total slot	7
Finishing	Portable on pasture	2
	Open shelter - drylot	3
	Open shelter - partial slot	4
	Enclosed - total slot	5

LIST BELOW THE SWINE BUILDINGS YOU WILL HAVE AVAILABLE FOR

ALTERNATIVE 1, ^{1/}

A. Swine Buildings ^{2/}

NO CARD NUMBER NEEDED	Building Type		Replacement Year	Capacity
	<u>Farrowing</u>			
	1 2 3 4	1		
	1 2 3 4	1		
	1 2 3 4	1		
	1 2 3 4	1		
	<u>Sow Maintenance</u>			
	2 3 4 5	2		
	2 3 4 5	2		
	2 3 4 5	2		
	2 3 4 5	2		
	<u>Nursery</u>			
	5 6 7	3		
	5 6 7	3		
	5 6 7	3		
	5 6 7	3		
	<u>Finishing</u>			
	2 3 4 5	4		
	2 3 4 5	4		
	2 3 4 5	4		
	2 3 4 5	4		
	2 3 4 5	4		
	2 3 4 5	4		
	2 3 4 5	4		

Field 1 Field 2 Field 3 Field 4

8b.

Information for Completing Page 9b.

1/ Use this page to describe the hog buildings you will have available for either Alternative 2 or the computer selected plan.

Some reasons that this listing might be different from that on page 9 are:

1. You may want to investigate the possibility of changing the use of some of your current buildings. For example, you may want to know the result of changing your present finishing barn to a gestation barn. In this case, your finishing barn would be listed here as sow maintenance quarters.
2. You might want to know the result of leaving some of your present facilities idle and building newer more efficient buildings. If this is the case, you won't list here the building that you are wanting to abandon.

2/ For each building, circle the appropriate number, year it will be replaced and indicate its capacity. Use the table below to find the appropriate number to circle.

<u>Job Performed</u>	<u>Description of Housing</u>	<u>Type</u>
Farrowing	Individual on pasture (1-litter)	1
	Centralized individual - slotted porch	2
	Solid floor with crates	3
	Slotted floor with crates	4
Sow Maintenance	Portable on pasture	2
	Open shelter - drylot	3
	Open shelter - partial slot	4
	Enclosed - total slot	5
Nursery	Portable buildings	5
	Open shelter - drylot	6
	Enclosed - total slot	7
Finishing	Portable on pasture	2
	Open shelter - drylot	3
	Open shelter - partial slot	4
	Enclosed - total slot	5

LIST BELOW THE SWINE BUILDINGS YOU WILL HAVE AVAILABLE FOR
ALTERNATIVE 2 OR THE COMPUTER SELECTED PLAN.^{1/}

A. Swine Buildings^{2/}

NO CARD NUMBER NEEDED	Building Type	Replacement Year	Capacity
	<u>Farrowing</u>		
	1 2 3 4	1	
	1 2 3 4	1	
	1 2 3 4	1	
	1 2 3 4	1	
	<u>Sow Maintenance</u>		
	2 3 4 5	2	
	2 3 4 5	2	
	2 3 4 5	2	
	2 3 4 5	2	
	<u>Nursery</u>		
	5 6 7	3	
	5 6 7	3	
	5 6 7	3	
	5 6 7	3	
	<u>Finishing</u>		
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
	2 3 4 5	4	
Field 1	Field 2	Field 2	Field 4

10.

Information for Completing Page 11.

- 1/ Use this page to describe your present swine production system to the computer. Place an X beside the items that best describe your current system.
- 2/ The computer model allows only one product, one management system, and one schedule to be used at any one time. It is not possible, for example, to have both farrow-finish and feeder enterprises or different groups of sows on different farrowing schedules at the same time. Therefore, use only one X to describe your Product, use only one X to describe your Management System, and use only one X to describe your Schedule of Hog Operations.

II. DESCRIPTION OF SWINE SYSTEMSPRESENT PLAN^{1/}A. Plan Identification

Print Your Name in the Spaces below.

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Item	Place an X Beside Each Item That Describes Your Present System ^{2/}
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Card | 02 |

<u>B. Product</u> :	Feeder Pigs	_____	(1)
	Buy Feeder Pigs	_____	(2)
	Farrow-Finish	_____	(3)

C. Management System

Farrow once/yr.	_____	(4)
Farrow 2 times/yr.	_____	(5)
Farrow 4 times/yr.	_____	(6)
Farrow 6 times/yr.	_____	(7)
Farrow 8 times/yr.	_____	(8)
Farrow every month	_____	(9)
Buy 1 lot of feeders/yr.	_____	(10)
Buy 2 lots of feeders/yr.	_____	(11)
Buy 3 lots of feeders/yr.	_____	(12)
Buy feeders bi-monthly	_____	(13)
Buy feeders monthly	_____	(14)

D. Scheduling Hog Operations

Farrow 2 times/yr.		Farrow 6 times/yr.	
Jan.-Jul	_____ (15)	Jan-Mar-May-Jul-Sep-Nov	_____ (6)
Feb-Aug	_____ (16)	Feb-Apr-Jun-Aug-Oct-Dec	_____ (7)
Mar-Sep	_____ (17)	Jan-Feb-Mar-Jul-Aug-Sep	_____ (8)
Apr-Oct	_____ (18)	Feb-Mar-Apr-Aug-Sep-Oct	_____ (9)
May-Nov	_____ (19)	Mar-Apr-May-Sep-Oct-Nov	_____ (10)
Jun-Dec	_____ (20)	Apr-May-Jun-Oct-Nov-Dec	_____ (11)
		May-Jun-Jul-Nov-Dec-Jan	_____ (12)
Farrow 4 times/yr.		Buy 2 lots of feeders/yr.	
Jan-Apr-Jul-Oct	_____ (21)	Jan-Jul	_____ (13)
Feb-May-Aug-Nov	_____ (22)	Feb-Aug	_____ (14)
Mar-Jun-Sep-Dec	_____ (23)	Mar-Sep	_____ (15)
Jan-Feb-Jul-Aug	_____ (24)	Apr-Oct	_____ (16)
Feb-Mar-Aug-Sep	_____ (25)	May-Nov	_____ (17)
Mar-Apr-Sep-Oct	_____ (26)	Jun-Dec	_____ (18)
		Buy 3 lots of feeders yr.	
		Jan-May-Sep	_____ (19)
		Feb-Jun-Oct	_____ (20)
		Mar-Jul-Nov	_____ (21)
		Apr-Aug-Dec	_____ (22)

Card | 03 |

Information for Completing Page 11a.

- 1 Use this page to describe your first alternative plan to the computer. Place an X beside the items that best describe the alternative you want to examine.
- 2 The computer model allows only one product, one management system, and one schedule to be used at any one time. It is not possible, for example, to have both farrow-finish and feeder enterprises or different groups of sows on different farrowing schedules at the same time. Therefore, use only one X to describe the Product you want to produce, use only one X to describe the Management System you want to use, and use only one X to describe the Schedule of Hog Operations you want to use.

II. DESCRIPTION OF SWINE SYSTEMSALTERNATIVE 1.^{1/}A. Klan Identification

LABEL Alternative 1 in the Spaces Below.

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Item	Place an X Beside Each Item That Describes Alternative 1.
	Card 02

B. Product : Feeder Pigs _____ (1)
 Buy Feeder Pigs _____ (2)
 Farrow-Finish _____ (3)

C. Management System

Farrow once/yr. _____ (4)
 Farrow 2 times/yr. _____ (5)
 Farrow 4 times/yr. _____ (6)
 Farrow 6 times/yr. _____ (7)
 Farrow 8 times/yr. _____ (8)
 Farrow every month _____ (9)
 Buy 1 lot of feeders/yr. _____ (10)
 Buy 2 lots of feeders/yr. _____ (11)
 Buy 3 lots of feeders/yr. _____ (12)
 Buy feeders bi-monthly _____ (13)
 Buy feeders monthly _____ (14)

D. Scheduling Hog Operations

Farrow 2 times/yr.		Farrow 6 times/yr.	
Jan-Jul _____ (15)		Jan-Mar-May-Jul-Sep-Nov _____ 6)	
Feb-Aug _____ (16)		Feb-Apr-Jun-Aug-Oct-Dec _____ 7)	
Mar-Sep _____ (17)		Jan-Feb-Mar-Jul-Aug-Sep _____ 8)	
Apr-Oct _____ (18)		Feb-Mar-Apr-Aug-Sep-Oct _____ 9)	
May-Nov _____ (19)		Mar-Apr-May-Sep-Oct-Nov _____ 10)	
Jun-Dec _____ (20)		Apr-May-Jun-Oct-Nov-Dec _____ 11)	
		May-Jun-Jul-Nov-Dec-Jan _____ 12)	
Farrow 4 times/yr.		Buy 2 lots of feeders/yr.	
Jan-Apr-Jul-Oct _____ (21)		Jan-Jul _____ 13)	
Feb-May-Aug-Nov _____ (22)		Feb-Aug _____ 14)	
Mar-Jun-Sep-Dec _____ (23)		Mar-Sep _____ 15)	
Jan-Feb-Jul-Aug _____ (24)		Apr-Oct _____ 16)	
Feb-Mar-Aug-Sep _____ (25)		May-Nov _____ 17)	
Mar-Apr-Sep-Oct _____ (26)		Jun-Dec _____ 18)	
	Card 03		
Apr-May-Oct-Nov _____ (1)		Buy 3 lots of feeders yr.	
May-Jun-Nov-Dec _____ (2)		Jan-May-Sep _____ 19)	
Jun-Jul-Dec-Jan _____ (3)		Feb-Jun-Oct _____ 20)	
Jan-Mar-Jul-Sep _____ (4)		Mar-Jul-Nov _____ 21)	
Dec-Feb-Jun-Aug _____ (5)		Apr-Aug-Dec _____ 22)	

10b.

Information for Completing Page 11b.

- 1/ Use this page to describe a second specific alternative you want to examine or to indicate that you want the computer to find a "Good Plan" for you.
- 2/ If you want to examine a second specific alternative, place an X beside those items that describe the alternative you want to examine. Use only one X to describe the Product, use only one X to describe the Management System, and use only one X to describe the Schedule of Hog Operation you want to use.

If you want the computer to find a "Good Plan", place an X beside every item on page 11b that you would be willing to consider. No use inviting the computer to make calculations involving some system (e.g., "Farrow Every Month" or "Buy Feeder Pigs") that you would not be willing to employ.

II. DESCRIPTION OF SWINE SYSTEMS

11b.

ALTERNATIVE 2. ^{1/}

A. Plan Identification

LABEL Alternative 2 or Computer Selected Plan in the Spaces Below.

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Item	Place an X Beside Each Item That Describes Alternative 2
	Card 02

B. Product : Feeder Pigs _____ (1)
 Buy Feeder Pigs _____ (2)
 Farrow-Finish _____ (3)

C. Management System
 Farrow once/yr. _____ (4)
 Farrow 2 times/yr. _____ (5)
 Farrow 4 times/yr. _____ (6)
 Farrow 6 times/yr. _____ (7)
 Farrow 8 times/yr. _____ (8)
 Farrow every month _____ (9)
 Buy 1 lot of feeders/yr. _____ (10)
 Buy 2 lots of feeders/yr. _____ (11)
 Buy 3 lots of feeders/yr. _____ (12)
 Buy feeders bi-monthly _____ (13)
 Buy feeders monthly _____ (14)

D. Scheduling Hog Operations

Farrow 2 times/yr.		Farrow 6 times/yr.	
Jan-Jul _____ (15)		Jan-Mar-May-Jul-Sep-Nov _____ (6)	
Feb-Aug _____ (16)		Feb-Apr-Jun-Aug-Oct-Dec _____ (7)	
Mar-Sep _____ (17)		Jan-Feb-Mar-Jul-Aug-Sep _____ (8)	
Apr-Oct _____ (18)		Feb-Mar-Apr-Aug-Sep-Oct _____ (9)	
May-Nov _____ (19)		Mar-Apr-May-Sep-Oct-Nov _____ (10)	
Jun-Dec _____ (20)		Apr-May-Jun-Oct-Nov-Dec _____ (11)	
		May-Jun-Jul-Nov-Dec-Jan _____ (12)	
Farrow 4 times/yr.		Buy 2 lots of feeders/yr.	
Jan-Apr-Jul-Oct _____ (21)		Jan-Jul _____ (13)	
Feb-May-Aug-Nov _____ (22)		Feb-Aug _____ (14)	
Mar-Jun-Sep-Dec _____ (23)		Mar-Sep _____ (15)	
Jan-Feb-Jul-Aug _____ (24)		Apr-Oct _____ (16)	
Feb-Mar-Aug-Sep _____ (25)		May-Nov _____ (17)	
Mar-Apr-Sep-Oct _____ (26)		Jun-Dec _____ (18)	
	Card 03	Buy 3 lots of feeders/yr.	
Apr-May-Oct-Nov _____ (1)		Jan-May-Sep _____ (19)	
May-Jun-Nov-Dec _____ (2)		Feb-Jun-Oct _____ (20)	
Jun-Jul-Dec-Jan _____ (3)		Mar-Jul-Nov _____ (21)	
Jan-Mar-Jul-Sep _____ (4)		Apr-Aug-Dec _____ (22)	
Dec-Feb-Jun-Aug _____ (5)			

IF YOU WANT TO FIND A "GOOD PLAN" FOR YOUR FARM
PLACE AN X BESIDE EACH ITEM YOU WANT THE COMPUTER TO CONSIDER

12.

Information for Completing Page 13.

- 1/ When the hog enterprise requires additional buildings, they are built in multiples of this size.
- 2/ This column permits you to select those building types you want to build when adding or replacing buildings for your present plan. Place an X in the blank corresponding to those building types you want to build.
- 3/ Note that a dollar figure is required if you want to change the prices on individual buildings. The replacement cost figures are dollars per unit capacity. The figures include the building and the equipment necessary for its operation; for pasture systems cost of fence is included. If no changes are made, base figures will be used.
- 4/ One and two-litter systems do not require nursery buildings. Also, four-litter systems with farrowing evenly spaced do not require nursery buildings. For more intensive systems, portable buildings are used for nurseries only when portable buildings are also used for farrowing.
- 5/ Building depreciation and replacement are determined by these figures.
- 6/ This table is to reflect how you expect the price of buildings on page 13 and the cash operating costs on page 19 to change during the next five years. If you think the cost of buildings will increase by five percent per year, enter 5.0 in the appropriate blank. If you expect the cash operating costs on page 19 to change during the next five years, enter your figure here.

MANAGEMENT FACTORS

In this section you may make changes in the data currently in the computer model. If you do not change a particular figure, the computer model will use the base figure.

A. Building Replacement

1. Size, Alternatives, and Costs.

Job Performed	Type of Building	Unit Size ¹	Type to be Built for Present Plan ²		Unit of Capacity	
			Card	04	Base Figure	Your Figure ³
Farrowing	Individual on Pasture (1-litter)	5 sows			300	(1)
	Centralized Individual slotted porch	" "	(1)		425	(2)
	Solid floor - crates	5 sows	(2)		550	(3)
	Slotted floor - crates	" "	(3)		1300	(4)
Sow	Portable on Pasture	5 sows	(4)		80	(5)
	Open shelter - drylot	5 sows	(5)		95	(6)
	Open shelter - partial slot	" "	(6)		180	(7)
	Enclosed - total slot	" "	(7)		300	(8)
Nursery	Portable	50 weanlings			XXX	(9)
	Open shelter - drylot	50 weanlings	(8)		40	(10)
	Enclosed - total slot	" "	(9)		60	Card 11
			(10)		60	(1)
Finishing	Portable on Pasture	50 market hogs	(10)		60	(1)
	Open shelter - drylot	50 " "	(11)		55	3
	Open shelter - partial slot	" " "	(12)		90	-
	Enclosed - total slot	" " "	(13)		120	-

Building Size⁵

Base Figure Your Figure

Portable buildings
Permanent buildings

Cost recap⁶

Item	Annual - 1976-1977 Costs	Base Figure	Your Figure
Building Replacement Cost			
Cash Operating Costs			

11a.

Information for Completion Page 11b

Use this page to select those building types you want to build when adding or replacing buildings in Alternative 1. Place an X in the blanks corresponding to those building types you want to construct.

PUT AN X IN THE BLANKS CORRESPONDING TO BUILDING TYPES YOU WANT
TO CONSTRUCT IN ALTERNATIVE 1.

A. Building Replacement^{1/}

1. Size, Alternatives, and Costs.

Job Performed	Type of Building	Unit Size	Type to be Built for Alternative 1
			Card 04
Farrowing	Individual on Pasture (1-litter)	5 sows	
	Centralized Individual slotted porch	" "	_____ (1)
	Solid floor - crates	5 sows	_____ (2)
	Slotted floor - crates	" "	_____ (3)
Sow Main-tenance	Portable on Pasture	5 sows	_____ (4)
	Open shelter - drylot	5 "	_____ (5)
	Open shelter - partial slot	" "	_____ (6)
	Enclosed - total slot	" "	_____ (7)
Nursery	Portable	50 weanlings	
	Open shelter - drylot	50 weanlings	_____ (8)
	Enclosed - total slot	" "	_____ (9)
Finishing	Portable on Pasture	50 market hogs	_____ (10)
	Open shelter - drylot	50 market hogs	_____ (11)
	Open shelter - partial slot	50 " "	_____ (12)
	Enclosed - total slot	50 " "	_____ (13)

12b.

Information for Completing Page 12b.

1' Use this page to select those building types you want to build when adding or replacing buildings in Alternative 2 or to indicate that you want the computer to determine what type to build.

If you decide to examine a second specific alternative, place an X in the blanks corresponding to those building types you want to construct.

If you want the computer to find a "Good Plan", place an 1 beside each building type that you are willing to consider.

PUT AN X IN THE BLANKS CORRESPONDING TO BUILDING TYPES YOU WANT
TO CONSTRUCT IN ALTERNATIVE 2. IF YOU WANT THE COMPUTER TO FIND A
"GOOD PLAN", PLACE AN X BESIDE EACH TYPE YOU WANT TO CONSIDER.

A. Building Replacement

1. Size, Alternatives, and Costs.

Job Performed	Type of Building	Unit Size ^{1/}	Type to be Built for Alternative 2
			<u>Card 4</u>
Farrowing	Individual on Pasture (1-litter)	5 sows	
	Centralized Individual slotted porch	" "	_____ (1)
	Solid floor - crates	5 sows	_____ (2)
	Slotted Floor - crates	" "	_____ (3)
Sow	Portable on Pasture	5 sows	_____ (4)
Main- tenance	Open shelter - drylot	5 "	_____ (5)
	Open shelter - partial slot	" "	_____ (6)
	Enclosed - total slot	" "	_____ (7)
Nursery	Portable	50 weanlings	
	Open shelter - drylot	50 weanlings	_____ (8)
	Enclosed - total slot	" "	_____ (9)
Finishing	Portable on Pasture	50 market hogs	_____ (10)
	Open Shelter - drylot	50 market hogs	_____ (11)
	Open shelter - partial slot	50 " "	_____ (12)
	Enclosed - total slot	" " "	_____ (13)

14.

Information for Completing Page 15.

1/ The tables which follow summarize the feed data used as base figures in the computer model. Additional detail is provided in EC-408.

Table 2. Feed Inputs Used as Base Figures.

Job Performed and Building Type	Time Period	Feed Components			lb/day
		Corn	Supp.	Total	
		- pounds -			
<u>Sow maintenance</u>					
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	8 mo.	900	130	1030	4.3
Portable on pasture	1 yr.	1340	200	1540	4.2
Open shelter - drylot	1 yr.	1400	240	1640	4.5
Open shelter - partial slot	1 yr.	1400	240	1640	4.5
Enclosed - total slot	1 yr.	1040	240	1280	3.5
<u>Farrowing</u> - add to maintenance requirements					
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	4 wks	203	32	235	8.4
Centralized individual - slotted porch	4 wks	188	47	235	8.4
Solid floor - crates	4 wks	143	36	179	6.4
Slotted floor - crates	4 wks	143	36	179	6.4
<u>Nursery</u> - 4-8 wks of age or 40 lbs.					lb/pig
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	4 wks	37	10	47	47
Centralized individual - slotted porch	4 wks	33	11	44	44
Open shelter - drylot	4 wks	32	10	42	42
Enclosed - total slot	4 wks	29	15	44	44
<u>Finishing</u> - 40-210 lbs.					lb/cwt.
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	18 wks	532	66	598	351
Portable on pasture	18 wks	556	95	651	383
Open shelter - drylot	18 wks	558	118	676	397
Open shelter - partial slot	18 wks	558	118	676	397
Enclosed - total slot	18 wks	542	115	657	386

Table 3. Summary of Total Feed Requirements.

Item	Portable on Pasture	Enclosed - Total Slots
Feed per hog sold ^{2/}		
Corn	715 lb. (12.8 bu.)	661 lb. (11.8 bu.)
Supplement	127 "	151 "
Total	842 "	812 "
Feed per cwt. sold		
Corn	340 lb. (6.1 bu.)	315 lb. (5.6 bu.)
Supplement	60 "	72 "
Total	400 "	387 "

(Hogs on pasture require 1/10 acre per sow and 1/30 acre per hog of good legume pasture)

B. Feed Requirements ^{1/}1. Feed requirements -- nonfinishing ^{2/}

Card 20

Base index 1.0Your index (1)2. Feed requirements -- 40-210 lbs. ^{3/}

Type of Finishing Building	Base Figures		Your Index
	Feed/Cwt. Gain	Index	
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	351	1.0	<u> </u> (2)
Portable on pasture	383	1.0	<u> </u> (3)
Open shelter - drylot	397	1.0	<u> </u> (4)
Open shelter - partial slot	397	1.0	<u> </u> (5)
Enclosed - total slot	386	1.0	<u> </u> (6)

Information (continued)

^{2/} If feed inputs for sow maintenance, farrowing, and nursery systems in Table 2 on the left appear either high or low, you may adjust them as a group through the use of this index. If, for example, you feel it takes 10% more feed than the base figures, change this index to 1.1

^{3/} The base figures are average feed requirements per cwt. of gain for feeding from 40-210 lbs. If on your farm it takes more or less feed than the base figures show, change the index accordingly. The table below will help you find the appropriate index.

Table 4. Indexes for Various Finishing Feed Conversion Rates.

Index	Individual 1-litter	Portable on Pasture	Open Drylot	Open Partial Slot	Enclosed Total Slot
Feed/Cwt. of Gain					
.90	316	345	357	357	347
.95	333	364	377	377	367
1.00	351	383	397	397	386
1.05	369	402	417	417	405
1.10	386	421	437	437	425

16.


Information for Completing Page 17.

- ^{1/} The base figures are litter sizes at four weeks of age. These figures are average litter sizes for sows farrowed. Because of conception problems and sow death losses, it is assumed that 10 more sows than are farrowed are maintained in the sow herd. This figure is 20 in the 1-litter system.
- ^{2/} Unless changed by you litter size decreases by .25 per 100 sows above 100.
- ^{3/} With the exception of the 1-litter system, the base figures assume a 5% death loss in the sow herd regardless of the type of breeding used.
- ^{4/} The nursery stage is considered to be the period from four weeks of age to eight weeks of age or 40 lbs. in weight. In the portable and pole nurseries it is assumed that the sow remains with the litter until the pigs are six-weeks old.

C. Litter Size and Mortality1. Litter Size (pigs weaned at 4 weeks)^{1/}

Card	Farrowing Building	Total Number of Sows ^{2/}						
		1 to 100		101 to 200	201 to 300	301 to 400	401 to 500	501 or more
		Base Figure	Your Figure					
08	Individual on pasture (1-litter)	7.0	____(1)	____(2)	____(3)	____(4)	____(5)	____(6)
09	Centralized individual-slotted porch	8.0	____(1)	____(2)	____(3)	____(4)	____(5)	____(6)
10	Solid floor-crates	8.5	____(1)	____(2)	____(3)	____(4)	____(5)	____(6)
11	Slotted floor-crates	8.5	____(1)	____(2)	____(3)	____(4)	____(5)	____(6)

2. Mortality

Job Performed	Type of Housing	Base Figure	Your Figure
% mortality			
Sow maintenance ^{3/}	Individual on pasture (1-litter)	1.0	
	Portable on pasture	1.5	
	Open shelter - drylot	1.5	
	Open shelter - partial slot	1.5	
	Enclosed - total slot	1.5	
Nursery ^{4/}	Individual on pasture (1-litter)	6.0	____(1)
	Centralized individual - slotted porch	4.5	____(2)
	Open shelter - drylot	6.0	____(3)
	Enclosed - total slot	3.5	____(4)
Finishing	Individual on pasture (1-litter)	2.5	____(5)
	Portable on pasture	2.5	____(6)
	Open shelter - drylot	1.5	____(7)
	Open shelter - partial slot	1.5	____(8)
	Enclosed - total slot	1.5	____(9)

18.

Information for Completing Page 19.

- 1/ These costs do not include labor, cost of corn, or building depreciation.
- 2/ These costs include taxes, insurance, and repairs on buildings; electricity and bedding. For other than the 1-litter system, the figures shown here assume two farrowings per year. Appropriate adjustments have already been made in the computer for four, six, and twelve farrowings. Do not adjust further for multiple use of buildings. See p. 9, EC-408.
- 3/ Includes protein supplement, minerals and other additives. A price of \$200 per ton is assumed for 40% supplement and grinding at \$3.00/ton.
- 4/ Includes marketing charges, insurance, interest, and taxes on hogs, veterinary and medicine, and pasture charged at \$43 per acre. Hogs on pasture require 1/10 acre per sow and 1/30 acre per hog of good legume pasture.
- 5/ Important

If you feel cash costs are too high or low, adjust them accordingly by placing your new total in this column. You may change any of the figures to arrive at new totals.

Of primary interest is your cost of supplement.

If your supplement price is different than \$200/T use the following formula to calculate your supplement cost.

$$\frac{(\text{Your supplement price}) \times (\text{Supplement cost in table on opposite page})}{200}$$

= your supplement cost.

6/ Important

If your total differs from the base total, you must calculate an index for this column using the following formula.

$$\frac{\text{Your Total}}{\text{Base Total}} = \text{Index}$$

Example for finishing enclosed total slot:

$$\frac{\text{Your Total}}{\text{Base Total}} = \frac{13.00}{11.28} = 1.15$$

D Cash Operating Costs ^{1/}

Job Performed & Bldg. Type	Time Period	Bldg. Oper. ^{2/}	Supp. ^{3/}	Other ^{4/}	Base Total	Your Total ^{5/}	Index ^{6/}
					<u>\$/sow</u>		
<u>Sow Maintenance</u>							
Individual on							Card 21
pasture (1-litter)	1 yr.	3.43	14.55	9.01	26.99		(1)
Portable on pasture	1 "	2.73	22.52	9.45	34.70		(2)
Open shelter - drylot	1 "	3.25	26.46	4.08	33.79		(3)
Open shelter -							
partial slot	1 "	5.63	26.46	4.08	36.17		(4)
Encl.-Total Slot	1 "	10.47	25.92	4.08	40.47		(5)
<u>Farrowing - addition to maintenance</u>					<u>\$/sow and litter</u>		
Individual on							
pasture (1-litter)	4 wks	.95	3.55	3.84	8.34		(6)
Centralized individ-							
ual-slotted porch	4 "	11.71	5.06	4.22	20.99		(7)
Solid floor - crates	4 "	16.25	3.87	5.41	25.53		(8)
Slotted floor-crates	4 "	22.25	3.87	5.41	31.53		(9)
<u>Nursery - 4-8 weeks of age</u>					<u>\$/pig</u>		
Individual on pasture							
(1-litter)	4 wks	.06	1.08	.19	1.33		(10)
Centralized individ-							Card 22
ual-slotted porch	4 "	.35	1.17	.22	1.74		(1)
Open shelter-drylot	4 "	.53	1.07	.22	1.82		(2)
Enclosed - total							
slots	4 "	1.45	1.58	.22	3.25		(3)
<u>Finishing - 40-210 lbs.</u>					<u>\$/hog</u>		
Individual on							
pasture (1-litter)	18 wks	.77	7.48	5.09	13.34		(4)
Portable on pasture	18 "	1.29	10.44	4.22	15.95		(5)
Open shelter-drylot	18 "	.94	12.78	3.26	16.98		(6)
Open shelter -							
partial slot	18 "	1.31	12.78	3.25	17.34		(7)
Enclosed - total							
slot	18 "	1.73	12.45	3.48	17.67		(8)

Information for Completing Page 21.

- The base figures for labor are estimates of total labor requirements for hog production. Sow maintenance is the work which must be performed the year round to maintain the sow herd. Farrowing labor is defined as the additional work performed to take care of sow and litter. This period is assumed to be four weeks long. Growing labor is that labor performed to bring the pigs to eight weeks of age or 40 pounds. In some systems this includes the sow for two weeks.
- Use this index only if you want to adjust all labor requirements by the same percentage.
- Maintenance, farrowing, nursery, and/or finishing labor requirement can be changed by adjusting the appropriate indices.

Table 5. Summary of Labor Requirements.

Item	Portable	Confinement	
		Concrete Floor	Lot 1 Slot
Hours per hog sold (far. to fin.)	2.4	2.1	1.2
Hours per 40 lb. feeder pig sold	1.4	1.1	.6

E. Labor Requirements ^{1/}1. Labor Requirement Index ^{2/}

(Use only if you want to adjust
all labor requirements by the same index)

Card 22 con'tBase Index 1.0

Your Index _____ (9)

2. Labor Requirements for Hog Production ^{3/}

Job Performed and Building Type	Units	Base Figures		Your
		Hours	Index	Index
<u>Sow maintenance</u> - hrs/sow for 10 months				Card 23
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	sow	4.0	1.0	_____ (1)
Portable on pasture	"	6.5	1.0	_____ (2)
Open shelter - drylot	"	6.5	1.0	_____ (3)
Open shelter - partial slot	"	6.0	1.0	_____ (4)
Enclosed - total slot	"	3.5	1.0	_____ (5)
<u>Farrowing</u> -- hrs/sow/litter				
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	sow & litter	4.4	1.0	_____ (6)
Centralized individual - slotted porch	"	4.4	1.0	_____ (7)
Solid floor with crates	"	4.3	1.0	_____ (8)
Slotted floor with crates	"	2.4	1.0	_____ (9)
<u>Nursery</u> -- hrs/pig				Card 30
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	weanling	.4	1.0	_____ (1)
Centralized individual - slotted porch	"	.4	1.0	_____ (2)
Open shelter - drylot	"	.2	1.0	_____ (3)
Enclosed - total slot	"	.1	1.0	_____ ()
<u>Finishing</u> - hrs/pig				
Individual on pasture (1-litter)	market hog	.9	1.0	_____ (5)
Portable on pasture	"	.9	1.0	_____ (6)
Open shelter - drylot	"	1.0	1.0	_____ (7)
Open shelter - partial slot	"	.6	1.0	_____ (8)
Enclosed - total slot	"	.6	1.0	_____ (9)

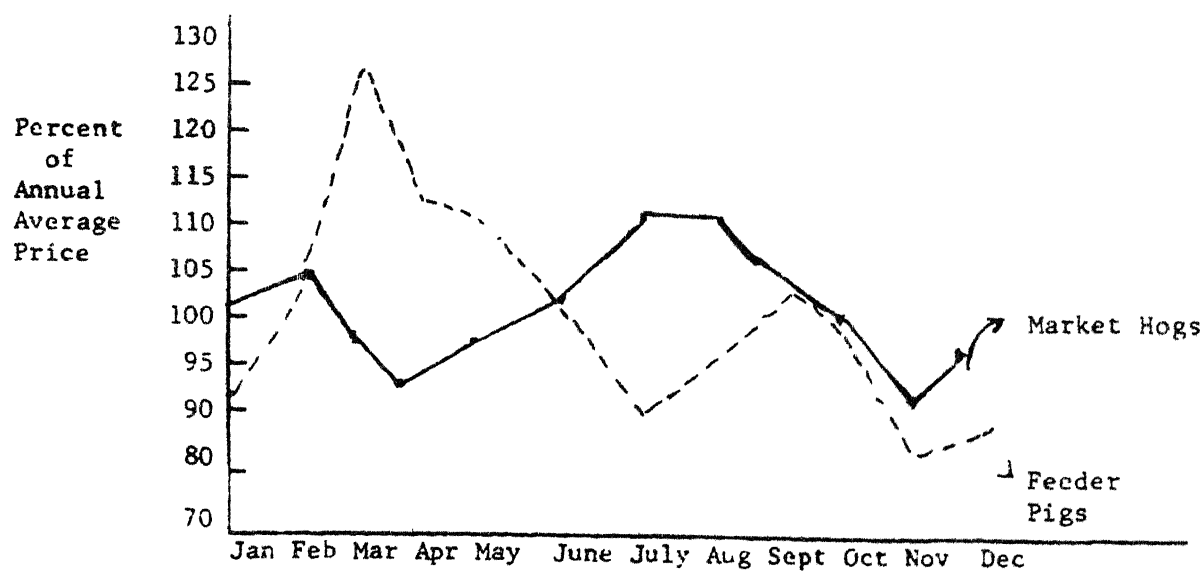
Information for Completing Page 23.

1/ Table 6. provides historical hog price data.

Table 6. Average Prices for Barrows and Gilts, 7 Markets, 1965 thr. 1975.

Year	Market Hog-
1965	21.58
1966	23.78
1967	19.58
1968	19.29
1969	23.89
1970	22.63
1971	18.50
1972	26.75
1973	40.62
1974	35.67
1975	48.30

Figure 1. Seasonal Variation in Hog Prices - Average of all Barrows and Gilts at 7 Markets, 1965-1974.



F. Prices for Hogs ^{1/}Specify your expected prices. ^{2/}

Year	Feeder Pigs to Buy	Feeder Pigs to Sell	Market Hogs
	S/40 lb. Pig		S 'Cwt.
	<u>Card 18</u>		<u>Card 19</u>
Next	_____ (1)	_____ (6)	_____ (1)
2nd	_____ (2)	_____ (7)	_____ (2)
3rd	_____ (3)	_____ (8)	_____ (3)
4th	_____ (4)	_____ (9)	_____ (4)
5th	_____ (5)	_____ (10)	_____ (5)

G. Growth of Your Present Swine Enterprise ^{3/}Answer Question 1 or Question 2

1. If you farrow, how many sows do you now farrow? _____
(10% less than you breed)
2. If you purchase feeders, what is your feeding capacity? (200# hogs in buildings at any one time) _____

Card 27

- _____ (1)
 _____ (2)
 _____ (3)
 _____ (4)
 _____ (5)
 _____ (6)

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

² Price for selling and buying feeders should be less marketing and purchasing costs.

You must enter a selling price for feeder pigs even though you don't sell feeder pigs. This price is used to value pigs for inventory purposes.

³ Your present plan will be budgeted for five years with no growth in the swine enterprise.

22a.

Information for Completing Page 23a.

- 1/ Use this page for Alternative 1 to control how fast the swine enterprise will grow and how large it may get.
- 2/ When you record sow numbers--record 10% less than you expect to need.
- 3/ When you record feeding capacity, think of pigs required for a 200 lb. hog.

G. Growth of Swine Enterprise for Alternative 1 ^{1/}

If you farrow sows in Alternative 1, only answer the questions for Part I below.

If you purchase feeder pigs in Alternative 1, only answer the questions for Part II below.

Part I ^{2/}

How many sows do you want to farrow next year? _____

How many sows do you want to add in 2nd year? _____

How many sows do you want to add in 3rd year? _____

How many sows do you want to add in 4th year? _____

How many sows do you want to add in 5th year? _____

Part II ^{3/}

What will your feeding capacity be next year? _____

How much feeding capacity do you want to add in 2nd year? _____

How much feeding capacity do you want to add in 3rd year? _____

How much feeding capacity do you want to add in 4th year? _____

How much feeding capacity do you want to add in 5th year? _____

Card 27

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

_____(1)
 _____(2)
 _____(3)
 _____(4)
 _____(5)
 _____(6)

22b.

Information for Completing Page 23b.

- 1/ Use this page to control how fast the swine enterprise will grow and how large it may get under Alternative 2 or to invite the computer to find a "good" size and rate of growth for your swine enterprise.
- 2/ When you record sow numbers--record 10% less than you expect to breed.
- 3/ When you record feeding capacity think of space required for a 200 lb. hog.

G. Growth of Swine Enterprise for Alternative 2 ^{1/}

If Alternative 2 is a budget of a farrowing operation, only answer the question for Part I below.

If Alternative 2 is a budget of purchasing feeder pigs, only answer the questions for Part II below.

If Alternative 2 is used to find a "Good Plan" for your farm, only answer the questions for Part III below.

Part I ^{2/}

How many sows do you want to farrow next year? _____
 How many sows do you want to add in 2nd year? _____
 How many sows do you want to add in 3rd year? _____
 How many sows do you want to add in 4th year? _____
 How many sows do you want to add in 5th year? _____

Part II ^{3/}

What will your feeding capacity be next year? _____
 How much feeding capacity do you want to add in 2nd year? _____
 How much feeding capacity do you want to add in 3rd year? _____
 How much feeding capacity do you want to add in 4th year? _____
 How much feeding capacity do you want to add in 5th year? _____

Part III

Indicate the upper limit on the size of your swine enterprise in the following terms.

Card 27

Number of sows farrowed (10% less than bred) _____ (1)
 Feeding Capacity (200# hogs in buildings
 at any one time) _____ (2)

Indicate your maximum annual rate of growth in the following terms.

Number of sows added/yr. (10% less than bred) _____ (3)
 Feeding Capacity added/yr. (200# hogs) _____ (4)

How large is your present swine enterprise?

Sows farrowed per year (10% less than bred) _____ (5)
 Feeding Capacity (200# hogs in buildings
 at any one time) _____ (6)

Labor Supply and Wage Rates

In this section you will provide information concerning present labor force, additional labor you are willing to hire, and wage rates. Present labor consists of that supplied by operator(s), family, and hired men. Additional labor is paid by the hour and used only if needed.

The year is divided into 26 two-week periods. You must specify the amount of present and maximum additional labor for each two-week period.

- 1/ Base figures assume one operator, one full-time man, and the possibility of hiring additional labor during planting and harvesting.

Calculation of Base Figures

Period 9 -- Apr. 23 - May 6		
Operator -- 12 hrs/day X 12 days	=	144 hrs
Family -- 0 hrs/day X 12 days	=	0 hrs
Hired man - 8 hrs/day X 12 days	=	<u>96 hrs</u>

Total present labor 240 hrs

Additional labor -- 8 hrs/day X 12 days= 96 hrs

- 2/ Present labor is fixed and must be paid whether it is used or not. Be sure to account for vacations for the operators and hired men by reducing time available during the time they will be gone. Also, deduct labor that will be used for enterprises other than hogs, corn, and soybeans.
- 3/ Indicate how much additional labor you are willing to hire. The computer will use and pay for this labor only if it is needed. Zeros in this column means you will hire no part-time help.
- 4/ When specifying amount paid to present labor, do not include the operator. His (their) compensation will be provided for in family living expense on page 31. Specify wages at the rate you expect to pay in the near future.

I. LABOR AVAILABILITY FOR SWINE, CORN, AND SOYBEANS.

Time Period	2 Week Period Beginning	Base Figures ^{1/}		Your Figures	
		Present Labor/ Period	Maximum Additional Labor/Period	Present Labor/ _{2/} Period _{2/}	Maximum Additjgnal Labor _{3/}
			-- hours --	Card 25	Card 26
1	Jan. 1	192	0	(1)	(1)
2	Jan. 15	192	0	(2)	(2)
3	Jan. 29	192	0	(3)	(3)
4	Feb. 12	192	0	(4)	(4)
5	Feb. 26	192	0	(5)	(5)
6	Mar. 12	192	0	(6)	(6)
7	Mar. 26	240	96	(7)	(7)
8	Apr. 9	240	96	(8)	(8)
9	Apr. 23	240	96	(9)	(9)
10	May 7	240	96	(10)	(10)
11	May 21	240	96	(11)	(11)
12	June 4	240	96	(12)	(12)
13	June 18	240	96	(13)	(13)
14	July 2	192	0	(14)	(14)
15	July 16	192	0	(15)	(15)
16	July 30	192	0	(16)	(16)
17	Aug. 13	192	0	(17)	(17)
18	Aug. 27	192	0	(18)	(18)
19	Sep. 10	240	96	(19)	(19)
20	Sep. 24	240	96	(20)	(20)
21	Oct. 8	240	96	(21)	(21)
22	Oct. 22	240	96	(22)	(22)
23	Nov. 5	240	96	(23)	(23)
24	Nov. 19	240	96	(24)	(24)
25	Dec. 3	192	0	(25)	(25)
26	Dec. 17	192	0	(26)	(26)

II. WAGE RATES^{4/}

Card 13

Item	Base Figure	Your Figure
Total annual payment for present labor (Family and hired men)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____ (1)
Wages per hour for additional labor	\$ <u>3.00</u>	\$ _____ (2)

Information for Completing Page 27.

- 1/ It is assumed that loan payments are due one year from date of loan and that all payments are made as they become due.
- 2/ In the computer model all cash expenses (e.g., supplements, repairs, seed, fertilizer, etc.) are paid as soon as they are incurred. A 90-day loan is used to provide short-term operating capital when cash is not available in amounts adequate to meet current requirements. The 90-day loan must be repaid in three months. This short-term debt can, however, be refinanced by subsequent 90-day loans.
- 3/ Type 1 - 30 year repayment - equal annual payments
Type 2 - 20 year repayment - equal annual payments
Type 3 - 10 year repayment - equal annual payments
Type 4 - 5 year repayment - equal annual payments
Type 5 - 3 year repayment - equal annual payments
- 4/ Short-term capital is not included in the calculation of the debt/asset ratio or total debts.

Unless you enter your figures here, the base figures will be used as debt limits for your farm.
- 5/ Be sure your debt limits are higher than your current debts.
- 6/ The base figure is .5, which means total debt cannot exceed 50% of total assets. If you are willing to permit a higher percent or want to insure a lower percent debt, you can do so by changing this figure.

Financial Considerations

In this section you will provide information on your current level of indebtedness, the cost of additional capital, the amount you are willing to borrow, and the like. For current debts you will need to specify the amount of debt and annual payments for principal and interest over the next five years. For debts to be incurred in the process of developing a plan for your situation you only need to specify the interest rate, the down payment, and the type of loan to be used. Three, five, ten, twenty, and thirty-year loans are available for land, buildings, machinery, and breeding stock.^{1/}

I. INTEREST RATES AND DOWN PAYMENTS ON LOANS MADE BY THE COMPUTER

Loan		Base Figures		Your Figures	
Type	Length	Interest Rate	Down Payment	Interest Rate	Down Payment
		%	(Decimal)	%	(Decimal)
				Card 13 con't	Card 33
1	30 year	8.5	0.0	____ (3)	____ (1)
2	20 year	8.5	0.0	____ (4)	____ (2)
3	10 year	9.0	0.0	____ (5)	____ (3)
4	5 year	9.0	0.0	____ (6)	____ (4)
5	3 year	9.0	0.0	____ (7)	____ (5)
	Short Term ^{2/}	9.5	0.0	____ (8)	

II. REPAYMENT PERIOD FOR LOANS MADE BY COMPUTER^{3/}

Loan Purpose	Card 33 cont.	
	Base Type	Your Type
Land	1	____ (6)
Swine Buildings	3	____ (7)
Machinery	5	____ (8)
Breeding Stock	5	____ (9)

III. LIMITS ON INDEBTEDNESS

If you want to place an upper limit on the amount of debt, do so by specifying the upper limit in terms of dollars and/or by adjusting the maximum debt/asset ratio.

Type of Debt	Base Figures		Your Figures ^{4/}	
	Upper Limit on Debt	Max. Debt/ Asset Ratio	Upper Limit on Debt ^{2/}	Max. Debt/ Asset Ratio ^{6/}
	\$		\$	
			Card 28	
All debts	1,000,000	.5	____ (1)	____ (5)
Long-term debt	1,000,000		____ (2)	
Intermediate term debt (1-9 years)	1,000,000		____ (3)	
Short term	1,000,000		____ (4)	

Information for Completing Page 29.

- 1/ Calculate the outstanding balance on long term (10 years or more) and intermediate term (1-9 years) loans which you now have. Enter these figures for 1973. Then calculate the remaining balance on these debts for 1974 through 1977.
- 2/ Indicate the annual payments (principal and interest) you will be making on these loans over the next five years.
- 3/ On pages 9 and 36 you list the resources you have available for hog and crop production. To adequately reflect your financial position, you will have to estimate the inventory value of these other assets.
- 4/ Estimate the cash value of off-farm assets such as stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.
- 5/ Estimate the cash value of crop inventories other than corn (include growing crops).
- 6/ Include here debts that will be paid off in less than a year. It should not be part of the 1-9 year debt referred to under note 1.
- 7/ Indicate the amount of corn you have in storage. The computer model will place a value on it.

IV. CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS AND DEBT PAYMENTS

Year	1-9 Year Debt		Long Term Debt	
	Amount Outstanding ^{1/}	Annual Payment Prin. and Int. ^{2/}	Amount Outstanding ^{1/}	Annual Payment Prin. and Int. ^{2/}
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	Card 30		Card 29	
Next	(1)	(6)	(1)	(6)
2nd	(2)	(7)	(2)	(7)
3rd	(3)	(8)	(3)	(8)
4th	(4)	(9)	(4)	(9)
5th	(5)	(10)	(5)	(10)

V. INVENTORY (excluding swine, swine buildings, land, and field equipment.^{3/}

1.	Other Assets	Inventory Value
	Livestock (exclude swine)	\$ _____
	Farm Buildings (exclude swine buildings)	_____
	Equipment (exclude that listed on pp. 33 and 34.)	_____
	Seed, Fertilizer, etc.	_____
	Dwellings	_____
	Off-Farm Investment ^{4/}	_____

Total Other Assets (Sum of Values Listed Above)
 2 26 \$ _____

2.	Cash Balance	
	Cash on hand (Savings and checking)	\$ _____
	Cash Value of crop inventory other than corn ^{5/}	_____
	Cash Value of pigs less than 40#	_____
	-Short term debt ^{6/}	_____

Cash Balance (Cash on hand plus cash value of pigs & stored crops (except corn) minus short term debt)
 1 26 \$ _____

3.	Corn Inventory (bushels) ^{7/}	
	1 25	_____

Field 1 Field 2 Field 3 Field 4

No Card Number Needed

Information for Completing Page 31.

- 1/ To provide you with a more realistic projection of cash flow, it is necessary for you to provide the cash receipts and expenses you expect from enterprises other than hogs, corn, and soybeans and off-farm income. Provide totals each season of the year.
- 2/ Taxable income is divided by the number of operators before calculating the amount of tax. If your business is a Sub-Chapter "C" Corporation, record a "0" in this spot and the computer will calculate an estimate of the corporation's tax liability. If yours is a partnership or a Sub-Chapter "S" Corporation, record the number of operators. If you are an individual decision-maker concerned with the possible addition of the hog business to your income from sources not included here, record your tax bracket (e.g. 22, 30, 40, 70 percent) for non-farm income. A 999 here will result in zero income tax.
- 3/ The first two columns of this table allow you to specify the amount you want to withdraw annually from the income of your farm for living expenses. If you want to withdraw specific amounts each year regardless of your net income level, indicate those amounts in the first column and put zeroes in the second column. If you want your consumption withdrawals to vary with your level of income, indicate amounts in the first column which you consider to be minimums for living expenses and indicate the portion of positive net income over and above this amount which you want to consume. Suppose, for example, that \$5000 is the minimum amount for living expenses and that in high income years you want to withdraw an additional 25% of your net income. Then you would enter \$5000 in the first column and .25 in the second column. Then, if in that year your net income was \$10,000, your consumption withdrawal would be \$5000 + .25 (\$10,000) = \$7,500. If your net income in that year was zero or negative, consumption withdrawals would be the \$5000 minimum amount you specified. Net income is defined as income after taxes and minimum living expense.
- 4/ If you want to invest in other farm enterprises or off-farm enterprises using income generated by the hog and field crop enterprises, enter the amount in this column. If you don't want income earned from these other investments to be available for expansion of the hog enterprise, that income must be entered here.
- 5/ Enter the total number of Federal Income Tax exemptions for all operators.

Other Cash Transactions

The amount of funds you have available each year for re-investment depends not only on the profitability of your farming operation. Important factors in determining the amount to be re-invested in the farm are the amounts you withdraw for living expenses, income taxes, off-farm investment and the like.

I. OTHER CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES^{1/}

Time of Year	Cash Receipts	Cash Expenses
	\$	\$
	Card 14	
Spring	_____ (1)	_____ (5)
Summer	_____ (2)	_____ (6)
Fall	_____ (3)	_____ (7)
Winter	_____ (4)	_____ (8)

II. INCOME TAX CALCULATION^{2/}

Card 14 con't

Among how many operators is income divided before tax? _____ (9)

III. CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

Year	Minimum Living Expenses For All Operators ^{3/}	Portion of Positive Net Income Consumed ^{3/}	Addition to Farm Enterprises (other than hogs) and Off-Farm Investment ^{4/}	Total Number of Exemptions For All Operators ^{5/}
	\$	(decimal)	\$	
	Card 31		Card 32	
Next	_____ (1)	_____ (6)	_____ (1)	_____ (6)
2nd	_____ (2)	_____ (7)	_____ (2)	_____ (7)
3rd	_____ (3)	_____ (8)	_____ (3)	_____ (8)
4th	_____ (4)	_____ (9)	_____ (4)	_____ (9)
5th	_____ (5)	_____ (10)	_____ (5)	_____ (10)

Crop Production Decisions

In this section you will (1) list the resources you have available for crop production, (2) select a tillage system and (3) have the opportunity to change some of the data in the computer model.

Corn and soybeans are the only crops permitted in the computer model. They are considered the representative crops. Crop acreages can be no greater than the acreage specified on page 36. The alternatives of dropping currently rented land and renting out your owned land are however, included in the computer model.

Data on machinery for crop production are presented in the 'Machinery and Equipment Coefficients' supplement. These figures cannot be changed except for replacement costs and soil draft which may be adjusted. The "machine replacement cost" index (page 40) will allow you to adjust the general level of machinery prices upward or downward but will not allow replacement costs for individual items to be changed.

The "soil draft" index (page 38) will allow you to adjust soil draft figures for soil type on your farm.

Information for Completing Pages 33 and 34.

- 1/ Identify each item of tillage and planting machinery you have on your farm. An example table is provided below.
- 2/ If you have more than one of a particular item, enter the number of such items in column headed "No." You must also enter the year each item was new in column headed Years New. See example for Planter-Conventional.

Example

Table 7. Example Table for Machinery.

Name of Item	Size	No.	Size Code	Item Code	Years New
Plow	6-16"	1	8	5	1965
Disc	20'	1	7	6	1967
Planter-Conventional	4-row	2	2	8	1968, 1969

I. RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CORN PRODUCTIONA. Tillage and Planting Machinery ^{1/}

	Item	Size	No. ^{2/}	Size Code	Item Code	Years New ^{2/}
No Card Numbers Here	Plow	3-14"		1	5	
		3-16"		2	5	
		4-14"		3	5	
		4-16"		4	5	
		5-14"		5	5	
		5-16"		6	5	
		6-14"		7	5	
		6-16"		8	5	
		7-16"		9	5	
		8-16"		10	5	
No Card Numbers Here	Disc	12'		1	6	
		14'		2	6	
		16'		3	6	
		18'		4	6	
		20'		5	6	
		22'		6	6	
		24'		7	6	
		27'		8	6	
	Field Cultivator	15'		1	10	
		20'		2	10	
		30'		3	10	
No Card Numbers Here	NH ₃	12.5'		1	12	
		17.5'		2	12	
		22.5'		3	12	
	Chisel	10'		1	15	
		15'		2	15	
		20'		3	15	
	Row Cultivator	4 row		1	18	
		6 "		2	18	
		8 "		3	18	
		12 "		4	18	
		16 "		5	18	

Field 1	Field 2	Field 3
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A. Tillage and Planting Machinery (continued) ^{1/}

No Card Numbers Here	Item	Size	No. ^{2/}	Size Code	Item Code	Years New ^{2/}
	Conventional Planter	4 row	_____	1	8	_____
		6 "	_____	2	8	_____
		8 "	_____	3	8	_____
		12 "	_____	4	8	_____
		16 "	_____	5	8	_____
	Till Planter	2 row	_____	1	13	_____
		4 "	_____	2	13	_____
		6 "	_____	3	13	_____
		8 "	_____	4	13	_____
		12 "	_____	5	13	_____
	Chisel Planter	4 row	_____	1	16	_____
		6 "	_____	2	16	_____
		8 "	_____	3	16	_____

B. Tractors and Combines ^{1/}

No Card Numbers Here	Item	Size	No. ^{2/}	Size Code	Item Code	Years New ^{2/}
	Tractor	60 HP	_____	1	21	_____
		70 HP	_____	2	21	_____
		80 HP	_____	3	21	_____
		100 HP	_____	4	21	_____
		120 HP	_____	5	21	_____
		140 HP	_____	6	21	_____
		150 HP	_____	7	21	_____
		160 HP	_____	8	21	_____
		175 HP	_____	9	21	_____
		200 HP	_____	10	21	_____
	Combine	2 row	_____	1	22	_____
		3 "	_____	2	22	_____
		4 "	_____	3	22	_____
		6 "	_____	4	22	_____
		8 "	_____	5	22	_____

Field 1 Field 2 Field 3

35.

Information for Completing Page 3.

- 1 Market value of owned land for agricultural purpose.
- 2 Annual cost per acre. For owned land this refers to real estate taxes and land maintenance costs (tile, etc.) For cash rented land, enter the annual per acre rent. For cropshare rental, the computer model assumes the following rental arrangement: a 50-50 split between landlord and tenant on the crop, seed, fertilizer, and chemical.
- 3 Enter your average yield/acre for corn and soybeans.
- 4 The figure used here should be the proportion of total acres available for production of corn and soybeans that you want in soybeans. If 25% of your rowcrop land (owned, cash rented, and share rented) is in soybeans, enter .25 in this blank.
- 5 Use an annual average price for corn. Your expected corn price, adjusted seasonally by the computer, is used as the sale price if corn is sold and the buying price when corn production is insufficient to meet feeding requirements. Corn prices must be specified even if you are not producing corn. Soybeans are sold at harvest, therefore, enter a cash price for soybeans at harvest.

Describe Your Present Cropping Plan Below

C. Land

No Card Numbers Here	Tenure		No. of Acres	Value/ Acre ¹ \$	Annual ² Cost/ Acre \$
	<u>Owned</u>				<div>Card 15</div>
	Rowcrop	1 24	_____	_____ (1)	_____ (3)
	Other	9 24	_____	_____ (2)	_____ (4)
	<u>Rented Rowcrop Land</u>				
	Cash	7 24	_____		_____ (5)
	Share	8 24	_____		

Field 1 Field 2 Field 3 Field 4

Sum of owned rowcrop, cash rented, and share rented acres _____

Total acres of corn and soybeans _____ (6)

II. MANAGEMENT FACTORS

A. Crop Yields^{3/}

Crop	Bushel Per Acre	
	Base Figure	Your Figure
Corn	115	_____ (7)
Soybeans	40	_____ (8)

B. Portion of Land in Soybeans^{4/}

(Decimal)

Base Figure 0.0

Your Figure _____ (9)

C. Crop Prices^{5/}

Specify your expected prices.

	Price Per Bushel	
	Corn	Soybeans
Year	Annual Average	Price at Harvest
	\$	\$
	<u>Card 17</u>	
Next	_____ (1)	_____ (6)
2nd	_____ (2)	_____ (7)
3rd	_____ (3)	_____ (8)
4th	_____ (4)	_____ (9)
5th	_____ (5)	_____ (10)

35a.

Information for Completing Page 36a.

- 1/ You may want to investigate the possibility of renting or buying more land.
- 2/ To rent more land, add the number of additional acres that you want to rent to the figures that you recorded on page 36 and enter the total in the appropriate blank here.
- 3/ To buy more land, write in the number of acres you want to purchase. The computer model will purchase land in multiples of 80 acres only. Therefore, you should make land to be purchased some multiple of 80 acres. The computer will finance the land purchase according to your specifications on page 27.
- 4/ If you want to rent out your owned row crop land and not produce any crops, put a 0 in this blank. The computer will rent your cropland for 6 of its value.

DESCRIBE YOUR CROPPING PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE 1.^{1/}

C. Land

No Card Numbers Here	Tenure		No. of Acres	Value/Acre	Annual Cost/Acre
	<u>Owned</u>				<u>Card 15</u>
	Rowcrop	1 24	_____	(1)	_____ (3)
	Other	9 24	_____	(2)	_____ (4)
	<u>Rented Rowcrop Land</u> ^{2/}				
	Cash	7 24	_____		_____ (5)
	Share	8 24	_____		

Field 1 Field 2 Field 3 Field 4

Sum of owned rowcrop, cash rented, and share rented acres _____

Acres of rowcrop land you want to purchase^{3/} _____

Total acres of corn and soybeans^{4/} _____ (6)

II. MANAGEMENT FACTORS

A. Crop Yields

Crop	Bushel per Acre	
	Base Figure	Your Figure
Corn	115	_____ (7)
Soybeans	40	_____ (8)

B. Portion of Land in Soybeans

(Decimal)

Base Figure 0.0

Your Figure _____ (9)

35b.

Information for Completing Page 36b.

- 1/ You may want to investigate the possibility of renting or buying more land.
- 2/ To rent more land, add the number of additional acres that you want to rent to the figures that you recorded on page 36 and enter the total in the appropriate blank here.
- 3/ To buy more land, write in the number of acres you want to purchase. The computer model will purchase land in multiples of 80 acres only. Therefore, you should make land to be purchased some multiple of 80 acres. The computer will finance the land purchase according to your specifications on page 27.
- 4/ If you want to rent out your owned row crop land and not produce any crops, put a 0 in this blank. The computer will rent your cropland for 6% of its value.

DESCRIBE YOUR CROPPING SYSTEM FOR ALTERNATIVE 2

OR COMPUTER SELECTED PLAN^{1/}

C. Land

No Card Numbers Here	<u>Tenure</u>			No. of Acres	Value/ Acre	Annual Cost/ Acre
	<u>Owned</u>					Card 15
	Rowcrop	1	24	_____	_____(1)	_____(3)
	Other	9	24	_____	_____(2)	_____(4)
	<u>Rented Rowcrop Land</u> 2/					
	Cash	7	24	_____		_____(5)
	Share	8	24	_____		

Field 1, Field 2, Field 3, Field 4

Sum of owned rowcrop, cash rented, and share rented acres _____

Acres of rowcrop land you want to purchase ^{3/} _____

Total Acres of corn and soybeans ^{4/} _____ (6)

II. MANAGEMENT FACTORS

A. Crop Yields

Crop	Bushel per acre	
	Base Figure	Your Figure
Corn	115	_____(7)
Soybeans	40	_____(8)

B. Portion of Land in Soybeans

(Decimal)

Base Figure 0.0

Your Figure _____ (9)

37.

Information for Completing Page 38.

¹/ You have a choice among ten tillage systems. Only one system is permitted at any one time. Mark the system you use with an X.

For the conventional system, you can specify the amounts of land to be fall and spring plowed. If, for example, your land is of a type which requires spring plowing, then mark all spring plow with an X.

The tillage systems assume the following operations.

Conventional -- Disc stalks -- fall
 -- Plow and NH_3 -- spring or fall
 -- Disc twice -- spring
 -- Conventional planter

Plow and Field Cultivate
 -- Disc stalks -- fall
 -- Plow and NH_3 -- fall
 -- Field cultivate and plant

Chisel Planting
 -- Disc stalks -- fall
 -- Chisel plow and NH_3 -- fall
 -- Chisel plant

No-Tillage Planting
 -- Knife down NH_3 -- fall
 -- Disc -- spring
 -- No-Till planter

Card 05

Do Not Write In This Blank

(1)

D. Tillage System1. Alternative Tillage Systems^{1/}

Tillage System	Place an X Beside the Tillage System You Use. Mark only one.
Conventional -- All Fall Plow	_____ (2)
" 3/4 Fall - 1/4 Spring Plow	_____ (3)
" 1/2 " - 1/2 " "	_____ (4)
" 1/4 " - 3/4 " "	_____ (5)
" All Spring Plow	_____ (6)
Field Cultivate - All Fall Plow	_____ (7)
" " - 3/4 Fall - 1/4 Spring Plow	_____ (8)
" " - 1/2 " - 1/2 " "	_____ (9)
Fall Chisel -- Chisel Plant	_____ (10)
No-tillage planting	_____ (11)

E. Soil Draft Index

The computer model uses soil draft figures to match tractors with machines. The soil draft figures in the model assume medium textured soils. If your land is either heavier or lighter than this, put your index in the appropriate space.

Card 16

<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Your Index</u>
Heavy	<u>1.5</u>	
Medium	<u>1.0</u>	_____ (1)
Light	<u>.5</u>	

(You may use an index such as .7 or 1.2 if you want to.)

Information for Completing Page 40.

- ¹ This index allows you to adjust the level of machinery prices. The list prices used by the model can be found in the "Machinery and Equipment Coefficients" supplement. If you consider these prices to be too high or too low, you may adjust them by changing the machine replacement cost index. Base index assumes farm price is 85 of list price.
- ² The computer model calculates machinery costs. The data used for these calculations were obtained primarily from the Corn Production and Marketing Workshop Handbook. Fuel, lubrication and repair costs depend on the original price and use of each machine. Depreciation depends upon the replacement cost and age of each machine, and is calculated using a method very similar to the declining balance method.
- ³ Use this to adjust costs of machinery and cash operating costs for inflation. If you think machinery costs are going to increase at the rate of 5%/year, enter 5.0 in the appropriate blank.

F. Machine ReplacementCard 16 con'tMachine Replacement Cost Index^{1/}Base Index .85Your Index (2)G. Cropping Inputs and Costs

1. Cropping Costs

Item		Corn		Soybeans
Fertilizer	Nitrogen	Base Figure Your Figure	\$ <u>.22</u> /Bushel \$ <u> </u> (3)	\$ <u>.00</u> /Bushel \$ <u> </u> (7)
	P, K, etc.	Base Figure Your Figure	\$ <u>20.00</u> /Acre \$ <u> </u> (4)	\$ <u>19.00</u> /Acre \$ <u> </u> (8)
Herbicide and Insecticide		Base Figure Your Figure	\$ <u>13.00</u> /Acre \$ <u> </u> (5)	\$ <u>12.00</u> /Acre \$ <u> </u> (9)
Seed		Base Figure Your Figure	\$ <u>12.00</u> /Acre \$ <u> </u> (6)	\$ <u>10.00</u> /Acre \$ <u> </u> (10)

2. Machinery Costs

Costs associated with machinery are all fixed within the computer model. You have no opportunity to change these at this time.^{2/}

3. Drying, Handling, and Storage Costs.

Costs associated with handling, drying, and storage of corn are fixed also. For corn, drying and handling is \$7.00 per 100 bushels harvested and storage is 75¢ per 100 bushels per two-week period stored. It is assumed that soybeans are sold at harvest.

H. Cost Trends^{3/}

Item	Annual Change in Costs	
	Base Figure	Your Figure
	<u>Card 34</u>	
Machine Replacement Cost	0.0	<u> </u> (1)
Cash Operating Costs	0.0	<u> </u> (2)
Machinery, Fertilizer, Seed, Chemicals)		

41.

Information for Completing Page 42.

1/ The weather data which provide the basis for the "Base Figures" are the same as those used in the Purdue Crop Workshop. Machine days per period is the estimate of the number of days per period on which conditions are suitable for field work (assuming no work on Sunday). Seventy-five percent of the years would have more machine days per period than the base figures indicate. This "bad weather data" forces the computer to purchase enough equipment so that crop operations are timely under adverse weather conditions.

The data on machine hours per period are used to determine if the necessary field operations can be performed in the time available. If not, larger and/or additional equipment is purchased to get the job done.

The computer model is constructed so that spring field operations occur only in periods 7 through 12. Corn is planted in periods 9, 10, and 11 and harvested in periods 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. Soybeans are planted during periods 10, 11, and 12 and harvested in periods 19, 20, and 21. Fall plowing is done in periods 23, 24, and 25.

2/ If you feel the base figures describe your situation adequately, you may leave these columns blank.

If for some reason you don't agree with the base figures, you may change any or all of the figures but you cannot change the timing of operations as described in note ^{1/}.

Example:

If you think you are able to combine corn 12 rather than 10 hours per day in period 20, enter your figures as follows for period 20:

12	6.6	79	(20)
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II. TIME AVAILABLE FOR FIELD WORK

Card 24

Time Period	Calendar Date	Base Figures ^{1/}			Your Figures ^{2/}		
		Hours/ Day	Machine Days/Period	Machine Hours/Period	Hours/ Day	Machine Days/Period	Machine Hours/Period
1	Jan. 1	0	0	0			(1)
2	Jan. 15	0	0	0			(2)
3	Jan. 29	0	0	0			(3)
4	Feb. 12	0	0	0			(4)
5	Feb. 26	0	0	0			(5)
6	Mar. 12	0	0	0			(6)
7	Mar. 26	9	3.7	33			(7)
8	Apr. 9	9	4.4	40			(8)
9	Apr. 23	12	4.4	53			(9)
10	May 7	12	5.4	65			(10)
11	May 21	12	6.6	79			(11)
12	June 4	12	6.6	79			(12)
13	June 18	12	6.6	79			(13)
14	July 2	12	6.6	79			(14)
15	July 16	12	6.6	79			(15)
16	July 30	12	6.6	79			(16)
17	Aug. 13	12	6.6	79			(17)
18	Aug. 27	12	6.6	79			(18)
19	Sep. 10	12	6.6	79			(19)
20	Sep. 24	10	6.6	66			(20)
21	Oct. 8	10	7.2	72			(21)
22	Oct. 22	9	6.8	61			(22)
23	Nov. 5	7	6.6	46			(23)
24	Nov. 19	7	5.4	38			(24)
25	Dec. 3	7	4.3	30			(25)
26	Dec. 17	0	0	0			(26)